

### "Whistling Charlie," Infant Prodigy, Captivates Passengers of Steamer

NEW YORK, March 22.—When the United States liner President Munroe recently arrived at New York, from London, after a trip through the roughest weather experienced on the Atlantic this winter, she brought a tiny passenger, who, before the vessel docked, was known to everyone on board, from stokehold to bridge.

This individual, who was interviewed at length by reporters and photographed more than any celebrity that has reached our shores in many moons, is, as he himself declares, "Whistling Charlie" McInnis, of Richmond Hill, L. I. Charlie, 18 months old, who was accompanied by his mother, started passengers on the way over by his many accomplishments.

The first of these was his ability to whistle, clearly and distinctly any tune he heard. When he first boarded the President Munroe, he toddled about the decks of the ship, whistling, and some passengers, thinking some grown person was trilling the melodies, were very astonished when Charlie, lips puckered, would come into view.

Charlie demonstrated his whistling talent amid great applause at ship's concert, when accompanied by the orchestra, he rendered several popular numbers in professional manner.

But whistling, which he has been doing since ten months old, was the least of Charlie's accomplishments. His greatest ability was that to consume food at any hour of the day or night.

Though at times the weather was so bad that even the most seasoned travelers found themselves unable to eat a real meal, Charlie was al-

ways at the dining room on time. He attached himself to a steward, who saw to it that his meals were served promptly, whether Mrs. McGinnis was at table or not. Charlie would breakfast heartily, and then start his rounds of the President Munroe, visiting the officers and passengers all over the ship.

This duty done after each meal, he would go to the pantry, whistle a tune and then declare, politely, but firmly, "Charlie hungry," and stand by until his endless appetite was temporarily satisfied.

Stewards of the vessel declared that at one time Charlie was the only one to appear in the dining room and was greatly envied by those passengers, who for the time being had no use for food at all. His consumption of food did not make Charlie lazy though, as was evidenced when he discovered two stewards with gloves on, boxing in their quarters. He insisted on having the big boxing gloves, which reached half way up his arms, put on him, and then slugged furiously away, until nearly exhausted.

From that day on Charlie had a daily go with a steward who was formerly a lightweight boxer and who declared that the infant would some day be able to handle his fists in good shape.

When the President Munroe docked Charlie was missing.

After a search of the ship he was found in his favorite haunt, the pantry.

He refused to budge until given a big slice of bread and butter. Then he would not leave the ship without boxing gloves.

Finally, bread in one hand,

### Rebakah Lodge Plans Bake Sale

The Rebekahs had a very interesting meeting Wednesday evening. Cora E. Merrell, district deputy president, was present, also a number of others among whom were Mr. and Mrs. John and Christina Ferguson of San Francisco; Z. M. Belter of Gates, Oregon; Mrs. G. Hoffman of Gardena and Mrs. Bingham of the jurisdiction of Idaho.

A bake sale was planned for March 24, with Mrs. H. B. Goodrich in charge.

After the business meeting the following program was given: Piano selection, Miss Nora Sidebottom; reading, Mrs. E. E. Miller; violin, Paul Pierson, accompanied by Ila Wait; vocal solo, Mrs. Gordon Groves. Mrs. Waller entertained with magic tricks.

### JAYHAWKERS' PICNIC

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gloves dangling from the other, a cheery whistle shrilling from his tiny puckered lips, Charlie was carried by his mother to the pier, gone from the President Munroe, but not forgotten.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

James G. Clark is conceded to be one of America's sweetest poets. He was a man of purest causture and high ideals.

"The Voice of the People" will do for an answer to last week's editorial entitled "Radicalism."

Swing inward, oh gates of the future,  
Swing outward, ye doors of the past,  
For the soul of the people is moving,  
And rising from slumber at last.  
The black forms of night are retreating,  
The white peaks have signalled the day,  
And freedom, her long role is beating,  
And calling her sons to the fray.

And woe to the rule that has plundered,  
And trod down the wounded and slain,  
While the wars of the old time has thundered,  
And men poured their life tide in vain.  
The day of its triumph is ending,  
The evening draws near with its doom,  
And the star of its strength is descending  
To sleep in dishonor and gloom.

Swing inward, oh gates of the future,  
Swing outward, ye doors of the past.  
A giant is waking from slumber,  
And rending his fetters at last.  
From the dust where the proud tyrants bound him,  
Unhonored and scorned and betrayed,  
He shall rise with the sunset around him,  
And rule in the realm he has made.

—James G. Clark.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of the State Bank of Lomita, a corporation, located in Lomita, Calif., that the regular annual meeting of said stockholders will be held in the offices of the State Bank of Lomita, on Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, on April 3, 1923, for the election of a Board of Directors for the coming year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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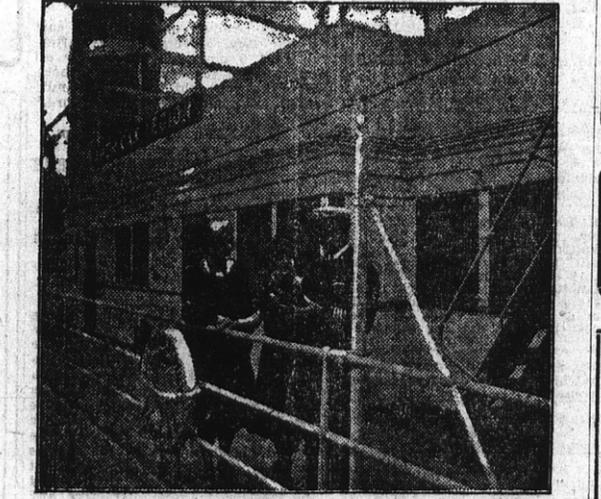
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### Fair Travelers on Ocean Steamers Becoming Better Versed in Sea Lore



**Sextant Explained to Fair Voyagers**

NEW YORK, March 22.—There was a time, and not so many years ago at that, when skippers of large passenger vessels, carrying women tourists, often dreaded putting to sea, because of the gauntlet of questions they would have to run concerning things nautical. Captains of the Munson liners plying between New York and South American ports, which carry many fair passengers, are finding, however, that the modern women are much better versed regarding ships and other things pertaining to the deep, than were their sisters of a few years ago.

The captain is no longer asked, just before the vessel crosses the Equator, "Will the ship bump much when we go over the line?" Nor is he called upon to explain that the rudder steers the ship, and not the compass; or that there are no crows kept in the "crow's nest."

It seemed that women never did read anything about the sea before going for a tour and that once aboard ship they decided to make up for lost time by firing queries at the captain every minute he was off the bridge.

For some reason or other this order of things has changed of late and now the women are apparently as well versed concerning the operation of a steamship, the methods by which the craft's location is arrived at, the nautical terms one hears at sea, as the male passengers.

When an officer is working with his sextant nowadays he is not apt to fear that some sweet thing will steal up on him and ask, "Are you shooting the sun with that little bit of a gun, Captain? I don't see how it can be possible."

Instead, the passenger is apt to have a bit of real knowledge of the use of the instrument, and to be really interested in its value to the navigator.

All of which is keeping a lot of Munson Line captains from getting prematurely grey.

The fact that the modern girl and woman desires to actually know things, to be able to talk on varied topics without having to ask innumerable and silly questions, is one reason for this increase in nautical knowledge. The growing interest in books pertaining to the sea is another.

Perhaps the biggest factor in educating the female of the species in this direction, however, was the war. With hundreds of thousands of American youths in some branch or other of the naval service, phases relating only to the sea were introduced into the family circle and retained by the women folk, who learned their meaning from "gob" brothers, husbands or sweethearts.

But no matter what has brought the change about, it is the liner captain who is benefiting, who now welcomes sensible, sane questions, where once he dreaded a cross-fire of meaningless queries apparently designed to drive him to an early grave.

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